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SENATOR DUCHENY SELECTS CALEXICO'S MARGARITA DE NECOCHEA AS 40TH DISTRICT "WOMAN OF THE YEAR"

Calexico, CA – Today State Senator Denise Moreno Ducheny (D-San Diego) named longtime Calexico resident Margarita De Necochea as 40th District's "Woman of the Year." The California Legislative Women's Caucus, annually sponsors the recognition of women who have contributed significantly to their communities.

"I nominated Ms. De Necochea for her tireless commitment to her community as both a preservationist of Calexico's history and as a proponent of educational opportunities for young people," said Senator Ducheny. "She exemplifies every quality embodied in the Woman of the Year."

During the ceremony, De Necochea was introduced in the Senate Chambers and presented with a framed certificate. After the ceremony, Senator Ducheny and De Necochea will enjoy a private lunch at the local restaurant Chops, followed by a reception with First Lady Maria Shriver.

De Necochea, who moved to Calexico as a child, has received many honors over the years. The great-great-grandmother was one of the founding members of the Calexico Historical Commission and has been a trustee of the Camarena Public Library since it opened its doors in 1985. In addition to her work on Calexico's Beautification Commission, she has also successfully fought over the years to preserve, renovate and restore many of Calexico's unique historic landmarks.

"I am honored Senator Ducheny has chosen me as 'Woman of the Year'. Her continued commitment to Imperial County is greatly appreciated," said De Necochea. "I have been here for 82 years and have seen a lot of changes. However, we are still very close as one big family and this family should stick together to support restoring the historic Calexico Carnegie library," she added.

De Necochea was accompanied by her son, Gordy, and his family for the celebration.

Senator Denise Ducheny represents all of Imperial County.

Article with photo available on Senator Ducheny's website at:

<http://democrats.sen.ca.gov/templates/SDCTemplate.asp?pg=sennews&cp=MemberPage&sln=Ducheny&sdn=40&zrn=NewsZone>

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